

In re United States Patent Application of:)	Docket No.:	4240-145
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Application No.:	10/587,312)	Art Unit:	1638
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Title:	A NOVEL STAY-GREEN GENE AND METHOD FOR PREPARING STAY-GREEN TRANSGENIC PLANTS)	Customer No.:	23448

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This responds to the August 19, 2009 Office Action in the above-identified application. The time for responding to the August 19, 2009 Office Action without extension was set at three months, or November 19, 2009. Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 to extend the deadline for response to December 19, 2009. Because December 19, 2009 fell on a Saturday, such deadline is automatically extended to **Monday, December 21, 2009** through the operation of 37 CFR 1.7. This Response is therefore timely.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section I (Amendments to the Claims)** hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the August 19, 2009 Office Action are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.